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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT KABUL 8305, ACTION SECSTATE DEC 22:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 8305

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SUBJ: UNFDAC IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: A. GENEVA 9332, B. STATE 282780

1. EMBASSY KABUL GRATEFUL FOR PERSPECTIVES CONTAINED
IN REF A. SO-CALLED FOREIGN MINISTRY (MFA)
POSITION CITED BY DAVIES MAY REPRESENT VIEWS OF
YAHYA MAARUFI WHO IS MFA'S LEADING PROPONENT OF LARGE-
SCALE, CONSORTIUM-TYPE APPROACH TO BADAQSHAN. WE ARE NOT
CERTAIN WHETHER THIS VIEW PREVAILS THROUGHOUT OFFICES WHICH
HAVE ACTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

2. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS TO US THAT
MAGNITUDE OF BADAQSHAN DEVELOPMENT NEEDS ARE SUCH THAT
AFGHAN DEVELOPMENT PLANNERS (PARTICULARLY MINISTRY OF
PLANNING) SHOULD TAKE LEAD IN LAYING OUT TOTAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY AND FINANCING. IN THIS COMPLEX APPROACH, PROBLEM OF
OPIUM CULTIVATION AND ADDICTION MUST BE ADDRESSED AS
INTEGRAL TO NEEDS OF PROVINCE, AND THERE WILL BE
OPPORTUNITY FOR UFDAC PARTICIPATION AND INPUT. WHAT WE HOPE
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CAN BE AVOIDED IS NOTION THAT UNFDAC SHOULD TAKE LEADING ROLE

IN WHAT MUST BE COORDINATED EFFORT BY MINISTRY OF PLANNING
ASSISTED BY UNDP, PLUS INDIVIDUAL AID DONORS AND
MULTILATERAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS. THIS APPEARS TO US
ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF STATE 276364.

3. AT REVIEW MENTIONED REF B, KABUL EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE,
WE HOPE, WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THOROUGH
DISCUSSION OF SITUATION TO BE SURE USG AND UN ON SAME
WAVELENGTH WITH REGARD STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN IN GENERAL
AND BADAKSHAN IN PARTICULAR. ELIOT UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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